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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, UNGA
SUBJECT: UNSSOD: CONSULTATIONS WITH FRENCH ON MACHINERY;
JUNE 22, 1978

REF: A) USUN 2604 B) USUN 2308

1. US REP (FISHER) MET WITH FRENCH PERM REP (LE PRETTE)
JUNE 22 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE JOINT FRENCH/UK/US/USSR
APPROACH TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW MULTILATERAL DIS-
ARMAMENT NEGOTIATING BODY, ON THE BASIS OF THE SOVIET
PROPOSED DRAFT LANGUAGE CONTAINED REF A.

2. LE PRETTE REITERATED THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE FRENCH
POSITION ON MACHINERY (SEE REF B) AND SAID THAT THE
SOVIET PROPOSED LANGUAGE DID NOT MEET THE PRINCIPAL FRENCH
CRITERIA, I.E., CCD DISBANDMENT AND UN CREATION OF A NEW
NEGOTIATING BODY. HE THEN GAVE US REP A COPY OF
FRENCH PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR THIS SECTION (CONTAINED PARA
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4 BELOW) WHICH HE REFERRED TO AS A FRENCH "REVISION" OF
THE SOVIET LANGUAGE.

3. USDEL BELIEVES FRENCH LANGUAGE BELOW, WHICH GIVES NO
INDICATION OF ANY CHANGE IN THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION, SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED AS THE FRENCH OPENING NEGOTIATING STANCE.
WHEN FISHER SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE

TO CALL THE NEW BODY "THE INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE" RATHER THAN THE "UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE," ALLUDING TO THE DIFFICULTY THE US HAS WITH CREATING ANY BINDING TIES TO THE UN, LE PRETTE INDICATED POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY IN THIS REGARD.

4. TEXT OF FRENCH PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON MACHINERY.
BEGIN TEXT:

A) THERE WILL BE A NEW DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING BODY WHICH WILL BE CALLED THE UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE. IN ORDER TO ASSURE ITS EFFECTIVENESS, IT WILL BE OF LIMITED COMPOSITION, AND WILL CONDUCT ITS ACTIVITIES ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS.

B) BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA (INTEREST MANIFESTED TO THE QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT, EQUITABLE POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION), THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNDC WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING STATES:
... (LISTING IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER).

C) THE COMPOSITION OF THE UNDC WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY FIVE YEARS.

--THE UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE WILL ADOPT ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE.
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--THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE UNDC WILL BE ROTATED AMONG ALL MEMBERS ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

--THE UNDC WILL NEGOTIATE CONCRETE MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE UNDC BY ITS MEMBERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

--THE UNDC WILL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY AS NECESSARY AND PROVIDE COPIES OF ITS FORMAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO ALL THE MEMBERS STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

--THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL ACT AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE. HE WILL ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN ORGANIZING ITS WORK AND TIME TABLES AND HE WILL ASSIST AND ADVISE THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN.

--THE UNDC WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO INVITE THE INTERESTED STATES, NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE WRITTEN PROPOSALS OR WORKING DOCUMENTS ON MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT

OF NEGOTIATION IN THE COMMITTEE AND TO PARTICIPATE, WHERE APPROPRIATE, IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE AS WELL AS IN THE PROCEEDING OF APPROPRIATE WORKING BODIES WHEN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF SUCH PROPOSALS OR WORKING DOCUMENT IS EXAMINED.

--THE UNDC WILL INVITE STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, UPON THEIR REQUEST, TO EXPRESS VIEWS IN THE COMMITTEE WHEN THE PARTICULAR CONCERNS OF THOSE STATES ARE UNDER DISCUSSION.

--THE UNDC WILL BE CONVENED IN GENEVA IN JANUARY

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1979, BY THE COUNTRY WHOSE NAME APPEARS FIRST IN THE ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERSHIPS.

D) THE CCD WILL TERMINATE ITS WORK AND DISSOLVE IT-SELF BEFORE THE NEW NEGOTIATING BODY CONVENES. END TEXT.

5. COMMENT: WHILE, AT FIRST GLANCE, FRENCH PROPOSED LANGUAGE DOES NOT APPEAR TO CREATE ANY FORMAL BOND BETWEEN THE NEGOTIATING BODY AND THE UN OTHER THAN BY NAME; IN FACT, THE UNGA IS ESTABLISHING THIS BODY. THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SSOD WILL BE PART OF A RESOLUTION WITH THE FOLLOWING AGREED FINAL PARAGRAPH:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY . . . ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING
FINAL DOCUMENT OF THIS SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT. THEREFORE ANY LANGUAGE
WITHIN THE FINAL DOCUMENT THAT BEGINS "THERE WILL BE...",
AS DOES THE FRENCH LANGUAGE, AMOUNTS TO A UNGA DECISION
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TO ESTABLISH THE NEGOTIATING BODY, WHICH WOULD OPEN
THE DOOR, IN EFFECT, FOR POSSIBLE MANIPULATION OF THE
BODY'S MANDATE AND PROCEDURES BY THE UNGA IN THE FUTURE.
END COMMENT. LEONARD

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